

CARROLL COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Number of Farms</i>	1,080	1,159	1,058
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	146	145	139
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	157,505	167,871	147,252
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Cattle</i>	33,700	30,865	30,668
<i>Hogs</i>	9,077	9,688	5,014
<i>Sheep</i>	2,320	2,815	3,759
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			68,956
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			21,631
<i>Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			12,447
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			10,688
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	53.2	54.3	55.0
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	12.6	12.0	16.8
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			1,290
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			5,730
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$31,735,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	5	<i>Soybeans</i>	9
<i>Barley</i>	3	<i>Vegetables</i>	4
<i>Forage</i>	3	<i>Wheat</i>	7

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	2	<i>Milk Cows</i>	3
<i>Broilers</i>	22	<i>Sheep</i>	1
<i>Hogs</i>	2		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2002	30,900	77.3	2,388,300
	2003	31,700	123.4	3,911,800
	2004	29,300	163.6	4,792,900
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2002	11,000	11.8	130,300
	2003	9,000	16.9	152,100
	2004	10,500	18.6	195,100
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2002	20,200	28.2	569,400
	2003	16,500	37.6	621,200
	2004	21,900	41.8	915,200
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2002	7,700	61.4	472,500
	2003	6,600	39.6	261,200
	2004	6,700	62.2	416,874
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2002	25,600	2.6	65,800
	2003	23,100	3.1	72,700
	2004	25,900	2.7	69,900
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2002	3,400	85.0	288,900
	2003	3,100	66.7	206,700
	2004	3,300	77.2	254,700

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$57.68	\$63.04	\$65.38

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